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SUBJECT: COUNCIL OPERATIONS EXERCISE COMMITTEE (COEC) MEETING
FEBRUARY 4, 1975

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SUMMARY. AT FEBRUARY 4 MEETING, COEC CONSIDERED THE NATO HQ REQUIREMENTS FOR SECURE VOICE CONFERENCE FACILITIES. A NUMBER OF COEC REPS REQUESTED ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON THE PILOT SECURE VOICE PROJECT (PSVP) AND AGREED TO POSTPONE FURTHER CONSIDERATION OF THE SECURE VOICE CONFERENCE FACILITIES UNTIL NICSMA TABLED A DETAILED PAPER IDENTIFYING NATO HQ REQUIREMENTS FOR SECURE VOICE AND CLEAR MODE CONFERENCE FACILITIES, ADDITIONAL COST FOR THIS CAPABILITY, AND POSSIBLE DELAYS TO THE PSVP AS A RESULT OF THIS MODIFICATION. TURNING TO WINTEX 75, COEC AGREED TO THE DRAFT ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE PARTICIPATION OF CONFIDENTIAL

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THE DPC IN WINTEX 75. END OF SUMMARY.

1. CHAIRMAN OPENED DISCUSSION ON NATO HQ REQUIREMENTS FOR SECURE OR CLEAR MODE VOICE CONFERENCE FACILITIES BY REQUESTING COMMENTS

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ON THE PROPOSALS CONTAINED IN AC/237-WP/97(REVISED) (REF A).
NETHERLANDS REP (HOFMAN) SAID THAT ALTHOUGH PARA 5, REF A, STATES
THAT THERE IS A REQUIREMENT FOR THE SYG AND FOR THE CHAIRMAN MC
TO CONDUCT TELEPHONIC CONFERENCES WITH NATO CAPITALS AND/OR MNC'S,
HE WAS NOT AWARE OF A DPC/MC DECISION ESTABLISHING THIS REQUIREMENT.
IN RESPONSE TO THE NETHERLANDS REP'S REQUEST FOR CLARIFICATION
ON THE ISSUE OF REQUIREMENTS, NICSMA REP (SCHNORR) STATED THAT
BOTH THE NATO INTEGRATED COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM AND THE INITIAL VOICE
SWITCHED NETWORK OFFER THE POSSIBILITY OF CONDUCTING AND/OR
PARTICIPATING IN A VOICE TELECONFERENCE IN THE CLEAR OR SECURE
MODE AT A LOW COST PROVIDING THAT THE INITIAL REQUIREMENTS ARE
ESTABLISHED PRIOR TO EQUIPMENT PROCUREMENT. NICSMA REP WENT ON
TO SAY THAT HE WAS NOT AWARE OF ANY REQUIREMENT ESTABLISHED
BY THE DPC FOR CONFERENCE FACILITIES BUT THAT NATO HQ COULD
TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE "OPPORTUNITY" TO PROCURE SECURE VOICE
EQUIPMENT WITH CONFERENCE CAPABILITY AT A LOW INITIAL COST. UK
REP (BEAUMONT) QUESTIONED THE NATO HQ REQUIREMENT (PARA 10,
REF A) FOR THE CAPABILITY OF CONDUCTING TWO CONCURRENT CONFERENCES
EACH WITH A MAXIMUM OF TEN CONFEREES. NICSMA REP (DRESSNER)
SAID THAT MAJOR NATO COMMANDERS ESTABLISHED THIS REQUIREMENT
FOR CONFERENCES WITH SUBORDINATE COMMANDERS. A NUMBER OF COEC
REPS (US, UK, FRG, NETHERLANDS, GREECE AND BELGIUM) REQUESTED
AN ESTIMATE OF THE ADDITIONAL COST TO INSTALL SECURE VOICE
EQUIPMENT WITH CONFERENCE FACILITIES AT NATO HQ. NICSMA REP
PROVIDED A ROUGH ESTIMATE OF DOLLARS 30,000.00 TO COVER
THE COST OF TWO BRIDGES.

COEC AGREED TO POSTPONE FURTHER DISCUSSION OF AC/237-WP/97
(REVISED) UNTIL NICSMA TABLED A PAPER IDENTIFYING NATO HQ
REQUIREMENTS FOR SECURE VOICE AND CLEAR MODE CONFERENCE FACI-
LITIES, ADDITIONAL COST FOR THIS CAPABILITY, AND POSSIBLE DELAYS
TO THE PILOT SECURE VOICE PROJECT.

2. COEC THEN TURNED TO THE DRAFT ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE PARTICI-
PATION OF THE DPC IN WINTEX 75(AC237-WP.96(REVISED). CHAIRMAN
NOTED THAT PARTICIPATION OF THE CURRENT OPERATIONAL GROUP IN
WINTEX 75 DEPENDED UPON DPC APPROVAL OF THE ARRANGEMENTS AND
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PROCEDURES FOR THE PRODUCTION OF POLITICO-MILITARY ASSESSMENTS
IN TIMES OF CRISIS AND TENSION (CM/74/52 REVISED). COEC AGREED
TO THE FOLLOWING OPERATING HOURS FOR THE CURRENT INTELLIGENCE
GROUP AND THE CURRENT OPERATIONAL GROUP: (A) OPERATE DURING
WORKING HOURS 0900Z 3 MARCH TO 0700Z 6 MARCH, AND (B)
OPERATE ON A 24-HOURS BASIS 0700Z 6 MARCH TO 2259Z 10 MARCH.
COEC APPROVED THE PROPOSALS AND DETAILED OPERATING PROCEDURES
CONTAINED IN AC/327-WP/96(REVISED) AND ADDENDUM.
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